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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

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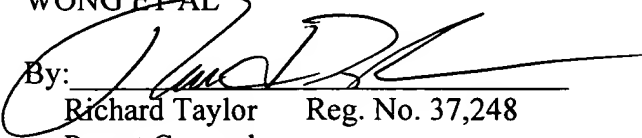
Applicants elect Group I consisting of claims 1 and 3-36 with traverse.

Applicants traverse the restriction requirement because Applicants believe that claims 1, 3-36, 92-93, 95-102, and 106-113 are pending in this application, not claims 1-80. The present application is a continuation-in-part of application Serial No. 08/996,976 filed 12/23/97 (the "976 application"). In the '976 application the initially filed claims were claims 1-80. Claims 81-91 were added in an amendment filed on July 23, 1999 (erroneously added as claims 37-47 by the Applicants and renumbered to claims 81-91 by the Examiner). Claims 92-102 were added to the '976 application in an amendment on March 16, 2000 (again erroneously numbered 81-91 by Applicants since Applicants were not aware that the Examiner had renumbered the earlier misnumbered claims to number 81-91, the Examiner renumbered the newly misnumbered claims to 92-102). In an amendment dated July 5, 2000 Applicant canceled claims 37-91, leaving claims 1-36 and 92-102 pending in the '976 application. In another amendment dated October 6, 2000, Applicants added claims 103-105 to the '976 application.

The present application was filed as a continuation-in-part of the '976 application on July 24, 2001. The pending claims in the '976 application at the time of the filing of the present continuation-in-part application were claims 1-36 and 92-105. In a preliminary amendment filed along with the new application papers, claims 2, 94, and 103-105 were canceled, claims 1, 3, 7-18, 30, 32, 36, 92-93, and 95-101 were amended, and claims 106-113 were added. As such, Applicants believe that the currently pending claims in the application are claims 1, 3-36, 92-93, 95-102 and 106-113, not claims 1-80, and that the restriction requirement is erroneous. Applicants, therefore, request examination of the pending claims 1, 3-36, 92-93, 95-102, and 106-113.

Respectfully submitted,
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